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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 16, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.